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SAN FELIX IS.

San Felix island is volcanic in origin and straddle the 80th parallel about 540 miles west of Chile in the Pacific Ocean.

There is no vegetation, water or inhabitants except for military. The local fishermen from Chile do (or did) occasionally fish for lobster in the area.

There are some of you who may remember the W4s who had a total amateur operation from the island in 1965. I think this was the first stand alone amateur operation.

The credit for the present amateur operation goes to the RADIO CLUB of CHILE. This is the first one in many years and it took place only because of the determination of the total effort of the club members. For many years it was known to be impossible for an operation there, by any group from any country. It is characteristic of the Chilean Club to overcome difficulties in one way or another.

Due to the Chilean Navy having an antenna farm on the island, for whatever reason, no civilians are allowed there. Patricio Hernandez, CE3GN, along with the other members found an alternative to the ever present problem that appeared to be the end of amateur operation on San Felix. First they convinced the Chilean Navy as to the importance for an operation from the island. The next step is the best.. They convinced or had them to agree to pick two Navy radiomen that had amateur license, that could be transferred on a short term basis to the island and to allow 99% of their time to be used for amateur operations..... These men should have time for training in proper amateur procedures before they were shipped over. The Navy as you know now, agreed. If this isn't the pinnacle of achievement, what is?

If you aren't convinced of the need for the operation, you haven't listened to the

pileups.

The club is doing a grand job of moving the operators around so everyone will have a chance. They are the liaison for them due to a language problem.

The operators are Maximo Garrido, CE9DVN, and Fernando Estuardo, CE2GXY. Both of them are professional operators for the Navy and are attached to a medical unit.

The equipment consist of 2, TS830S w/vfo, 1, TS130, 1, portable generator, 1, tribander, inverted Vs for 40/80 and 2 hand keys...

A special post office box was used so it would be easy to QSL and use only the call letters.

Last Friday Patricio was to have a meeting with the Dept of Navy to pick up the required documentation so it could be sent to the ARRL as proof.

The other members that spend so many hours on and of the air to keep this unit going is:

Free style CW, split, 1300-0500Z, 15 & 20

CE3BBW, CE3NR & CE3DPD, 1600-2200Z net

starts on 15 and then to 20

CE3ESS, 2300-0400Z INDEXA & Brown Sugar net. 0400-0500Z for the JAs

CE3EEO, 0900-1000Z on 40

CE6COR & CE6EZ, 0815-1300Z on 80

Keep in mind that this operation is a joint operation by the Chilean Navy and the Radio Club of Chile. Without this cooperation which took seven (7) years, none of this would be possible. Also the Club is financially responsible from start to finish. I don't think I would like to pay the final cost myself.

Our sincere thanks to the Chileans for a job well done. W4WMQ

SIGNAL LOSS

The next time you replace or install a run of coax to your antenna, think about the type and length of the run. Here is why::

coax loss	db	1	2	3	4½	6	8	10½	14
pwr at antenna %	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	

DX & QSL INFORMATION

CE0AA via Bx 700, Santiago, Chile:::
Two YLs from Finland should be operating
from JW/Svalbard Oct 23-30:::FW0RW or CW
via ZL1AMO(this will be 95% CW):::
FP/K1RH via K1RH::: Transportation is
still the problem for the 3Y operation::
FR7ZD listens often @0300-0330Z in the
extra portion of 20, try 14160:::BY4AA via
Bx 205, Shanghai, PRC::: BY5RA via Bx730
Fuzhou, PRC::: BY8AA via Bx 607, Chengdu,
PRC::: Problems with USSR QSLs? Send a
list & QSLs to W3HNK. Enclose 1\$ for each

QSL sent & an extra large SASE. Some he
can, so he can't but it is worth the try
if you aren't getting anywhere on your own;
FW8AF will have a tribander in Oct from
INDEXA::: TL8GE/ST0 will come back on the
bands also with a tribander from INDEXA:::

Fellows, it is time to check ur towers
for rust, vines, cracks, ground and coax
before the nice days are gone:::
W3HHG to BV soon?

Heard on 20..Had no antenna or room to put
one on 80 meters but I did have a 40 ft dead
tree out back. I cut all limbs off, wrapped
it in tin foil held by wire, put a coil at
the bottom and it works great 73 WMO

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MELLISH REEF

As you read in our last bulletin, there will be a major assault on Mellish Reef during the CQ WW Fone by six very dedicated ops. The group is being led by VK2WU, who is a super organizer and operator. BUT, this trip is going to cost a 'bunch of bucs'. While we sit home in our warm shacks and work these guys on all bands and modes...they'll be weathering the elements and paying the bills.

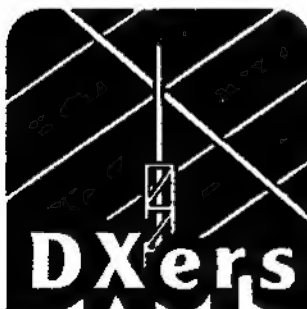
WE NEED HELP::: Please send a check for 'whatever' to KD4RH and he will tally-up and send a single check to VK2WU under the CDXA label. Pse hurry, so we can get the check into the mail before the guys depart...

Tnx.....Ted, WA4VCC

NEED IRCs ?

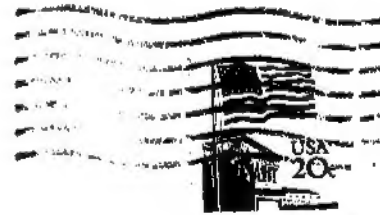
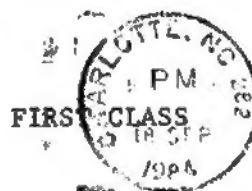
We have taken on 1000 IRCs from ZL1AMO @ 35¢ each. This purchase will help Ron on his trip to FW8 in Oct. If you need IRCs, pse get in-touch with KD4RH. Ur cost is 35¢ each. We have 350 left...

Some of you fellows will be asked in the near future to give a helping hand to CDXA next year. The Association needs your help in order to continue our present progress. YOU have been helped, so now its time to return the favor.



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